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MINISTER SPASOWSKI TO WASHINGTON; DIVIDED FAMILIES

1. I HAD LUNCH APRIL 8 WITH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
ROMUALD SPASOWSKI. HE VOLUNTEERED TO ME THAT HE IS GOING TO
MOSCOW THIS WEEK WITH DIRECTOR JAN KINAST OF DEPARTMENT III
FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS OF CONSULTATION WITH OFFICIALS OF THE
SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY. ON APRIL 17, HE GOES TO JAPAN FOR A
WEEK WITH VICE PREMIER WRZASZCZYK, AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN
TO WARSAW ONLY LONG ENOUGH "TO PICK UP THE RELEVANT FILES"
AND LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON, WITH KINAST, ON APRIL 26. THIS,
THEN, WAS OUR LAST CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT HIS U.S. VISIT.

2. SPASOWSKI PLANS TO BE IN THE U.S. UNTIL MAY 8. AFTER
HIS TALKS APRIL 28-29 IN THE DEPARTMENT, HE WILL GO TO CHICAGO
FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT, DURING WHICH HE WILL INSPECT THE POLISH
CONSULATE GENERAL. HE WILL COME BACK TO WASHINGTON FOR TWO
DAYS AND GO TO NEW YORK CITY MAY 4 OR 5, TO VISIT THE POLISH
CONSULATE GENERAL AND UN MISSION, BEFORE LEAVING TO RETURN
TO POLAND MAY 8.

3. WITH REGARD TO HIS TALKS IN THE DEPARTMENT, SPASOWSKI
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SAID HE HOPED THESE WOULD BE "COMPREHENSIVE," COVERING
ALL ASPECTS OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONS OF
INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES. PERHAPS, HE SUGGESTED, ON DAY
WOULD BE DEVOTED TO BILATERAL RELATIONS AND THE SECOND
TO EUROPEAN AND MULTILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, INCLUDING
THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT AND BELGRADE. SPASOWSKI SAID HE
HOPED TO OBTAIN AN INDICATION OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE NEW

AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS RELATIONS WITH POLAND.

4. I GAVE SPASOWSKI UPDATED COPIES OF THE TWENTY-TWO NOTES ON DIVIDED FAMILIES WE HAVE SENT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SINCE JANUARY 2, 1974. (THESE HAVE BEEN UPDATED BY THE DELETION OF THE NAMES OF ALL PERSONS WHOSE CASES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED OR FOR SOME OTHER REASON HAVE BECOME INACTIVE.) APPROXIMATELY 2,800 PERSONS ARE COVERED IN THESE NOTES. I GAVE HIM A COPY OF A GRAPH SHOWING THAT THE NUMBER OF EMIGRATION PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE POLISH AUTHORITIES FOR RELATIVES OF U.S. CITIZENS AND RESIDENT ALIENS HAS BEEN DECLINING DURING THE GIEREK ERA, IN SHARP CONTRAST WITH THE "GOOD OLD DAYS" BEFORE 1966. I SAID THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM, AS WE SAW IT IN THE EMBASSY, WAS THAT THE ANNUAL RATE OF ISSUANCE OF EMIGRANT PASSPORTS WAS BELOW THE NUMBER OF NEW APPLICANTS. SO THE BACKLOG WAS GROWING, RAHTER THAN DIMINISHING.

5. FINALLY, I GAVE SPASOWSKI A LIST OF THE NAMES OF 31 PERSONS WHO ARE SPOUSE, CHILDREN, OR PARENTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. I SAID THAT, SINCE, AS HE KNEW, THE PEOPLE WITH WHOM HE WOULD BE TALKING IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN THE POLISH ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES, IT SEEMED TO ME A GOOD IDEA, IF, BEFORE HE ARRIVED THERE, WE COULD START THIS GRAPH MOVING UP AGAIN BY RESOLVING THESE CASES, WHICH, EVEN IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN DEFINITIONS, SHOULD GIVE THE POLISH AUTHORITIES NO TROUBLE. LAST, BUT FAR FROM LEAST, I SAID, THERE WAS THE CASE OF JERZY STROJEK, WHO CONFIDENTIAL

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WAS APPARENTLY BEING "PUNISHED" BECAUSE HE HAD WORKED FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE PRINTING PLANT FIVE AND MORE YEARS AGO AND CONSEQUENTLY COULD NOT GET A PASSPORT TO GO AND VISIT HIS IN-LAWS IN OHIO.

6. SPASOWSKI ACCEPTED THESE PAPERS (COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT APRIL 15), BUT MADE NO COMMENT, OTHER THAN REPEATING THAT HE HOPED HIS TALKS IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE "COMPREHENSIVE". I UNDERSTOOD HIM TO MEAN BY THIS THAT HE HOPES WE WILL NOT TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND THE REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES.

7. ON PARTING, SPASOWSKI EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN SEEING HIS OLD FRIENDS, AMBASSADOR W.S.B. LACY AND TURNER SHELTON, IN WASHINGTON AND AMBASSADOR ALBERT W. SHERER IN NEW YORK. I SAID I WOULD MENTION THIS INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT, ADDING OF COURSE THAT THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND U.N. MISSION IN NEW YORK COULD GET

DIRECTLY IN TOUCH WITH THESE PEOPLE.

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